

REMARKS

The indicated allowability of claims 31 and 43 is gratefully acknowledged.

On the merits, applicant does not agree with the assessment that independent claims 25 and 37 are anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,973,035 to Seddigh.

The independent claims clearly require "an admission control device for ... returning information on a range of host addresses controlled by the admission control device".

Careful analysis of Seddigh fails to disclose this underlined feature. This limitation is not suggested in any way by Seddigh. There is nothing in Seddigh that would lead a person skilled in the art to even contemplate the distinguishing limitation of the independent claims.

Hence, the invention, as currently claimed, is novel and non-obvious. The dependent claims share in the allowability of their parent claims.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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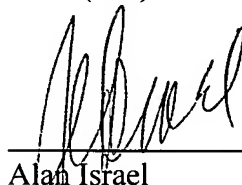
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